

**OLD KASKASKIA VILLAGE**

Address Restricted, Ottawa vicinity

First recorded in 1673 by Louis Joliet and Father Jacques Marquette, this is the best-documented historic Indian site in the Illinois River valley. The Kaskaskia, a band of the Illinois tribe, lived here, occupying hundreds of cabins on a 2½-mile stretch along the Illinois River. Excavations have provided insight into native life and changes brought by early European contact.